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GALUSHA A. GROW,
OF LANCASTER.
GEORGE F. HUFF,
OF WESTMORELAND.

Election Time, Nov. 6

ONE PRINCIPLE in gastronomic criticism laid down in our estimated contemporary, the Truth, the other day, by its facetious contributor, Bill Nye, is applicable to a good many subjects in life. Says William: "We should all of us avoid too close a criticism of what we have grown weary of. I used to be fond of the Little Neck clam, but once, a few years ago, I was almost snatched by the rude hand of death from the great field of letters by the brisquet of a small clam no larger than a West Shore dividend. Yet I do not say that the clam is to all men utterly unwholesome, poisonous and fatal." It is a good policy to live and let live.

Wickes' Tactical Mistake.

The refusal of the vice president of the Pullman Car company to submit a statement of facts to a committee of arbitration to consist of two members named by the Pullman company, two named by the circuit court judges of Cook county and a fifth to be chosen by the previously selected four, may be correct according to an unyielding interpretation of the legal principles involved; but it is in effect one of those rigid actions that, judged by their immediate consequences upon the people, comprise tactical mistakes. If it is true, as the Pullman officials claim, that the wage demand of their former employees meant almost less to the company and was therefore not to be conceded, it would have strengthened the company's position to have had this fact clearly established in the finding of an impartial tribunal. The indignant refusal which Vice President Wickes made to this overture adds unnecessarily to the passions of the hour, gives rise to the suspicion that an investigation is feared; and gains nothing for the company.

Understand, we do not in the slightest measure question the perfect right of the Pullman company to manage its own business in its own way, so long as that management does not constitute a public offense. But when it does constitute a public offense; when by obstruction or indiscretion it incurs upon the innocent public losses that the public does not deserve to bear, and when, particularly in a moment of widespread passion and excitement, the management of that private business pursues a course of arrogant superiority and indifference to the suffering public from which it derives its commercial support, then we claim it is time for public sentiment to crystallize against such a management and to show it, by orderly and peaceable methods, that it is occupying an erroneous position, from which it should, in deference to the public, at once recede.

The present general strike, that is to say the labor movement best known as the Debs movement, is utterly and completely wrong. It is false in principle and vicious in practice. It assumes preposterous things and attempts things still more impossible. There is not a man on strike in this country today, apart from the 3,000 men directly concerned in the original wage dispute at Pullman, who has any right to be in the warlike position that Debsism has placed him in. If he has a legal right, which is doubtful, we yet claim that he has no moral right thus to declare war against public prosperity when he has no cause of his own to fight about. But when this is said, we are perfectly free to add that the wrong done by labor, under demagogical and novice leadership, cannot be offset, either in theory or in fact, by another wrong done, through the selfishness of the Pullman company officials, in refusing to budge an inch, although they knew that millions of Americans, through no fault of their own, would suffer in consequence of that refusal.

The man who boasts that he never gives way in deference to others, even though he may think himself right, is the incarnation of selfishness and vanity; and is not a good citizen. There is not an employer in this city who does not have to make concessions occasionally; and none, we trust, who is unwilling to do this when by doing so he can benefit others without injuring himself. We fear that the vice president of the Pullman company has taken the wrong tack in this matter. He declares that the company cannot pay more wages, but refuses to make public the proof. The American people do not wish to impugn his veracity, but they do not regard him as superior to any one of themselves; and they, therefore, deem it an unjust proposition that he should volunteer the same deference to a fairly constituted tribunal of inquiry and arbitration, if there should be anything to arbitrate, that they would volunteer were the circumstances reversed.

To reciprocate: Debsism is wrong and must be crushed. Business in this country cannot be conducted under circumstances that make it uncertain for employers how soon their men may be "ordered out," grievance or no grievance, at the caprice and beck simply of one autocrat or one board of autocrats paid salaries for fomenting mischief. This will not do. Contracts involving future delivery dare not be assumed on such unstable conditions. Capital, sure of its principal, will not seek interest by investment while its profits are thus shrouded in unfair doubt. Labor will suffer from it, most of all, first in the withdrawal of cap-

ital from investment, thus decreasing wages and the chance to work; and lastly in the sacrifice of public sympathy consequent upon fool strikes that repeatedly hit and harm the innocent public for nothing. On the other hand, obstinacy by any large employer, couched in terms that excite instead of allay vindictiveness, is a gross tactical error, useless in its defense of a position already right and criminal when used to whitewash a conscious wrong.

CANDIDATE SINGLER informs the public through the medium of his excellent journal, the Philadelphia Record, that he "has no desire to go back on the voters of Pennsylvania for other than he is." This is a manly stand to take; and it almost induces us to wish that Mr. Singler might complete the measure of his earthly redemption by making a clean breast of free trade offenses and seeking forgiveness in the camp of the faithful.

Plotter Debs Indicted.

The right to work and the right to quit work when dissatisfied are inviolable. The American people will not surrender either, neither will they forego the right to manage their own business in their own way, subject, of course, to law and conscience. But no right exists to warrant Mr. Debs or any of his associates to conspire and plot against the commerce of the country, to try to wreck its business prosperity, to fill its streets with excited men, many of whom give vent to arson, pillage and other lawlessness; and to force upon guiltless third persons the heavy burden and burden of a colossal strike based upon no real grievance.

If the statute law did not make it a crime for Debs and his companions to plot in this manner for the wanton overthrow of order, the moral law would. Fortunately for the statutes they are not deficient in this particular. The indictment yesterday returned against these men by the Cook county grand jury is a mild expression of the general indignation of clear-sighted public opinion; and it is to be hoped that it will serve to bring their cases squarely before the local courts in the same right manner that those cases will eventually be brought before the bar of the United States courts.

The public is entitled to know where it stands in this matter. If it must, without violation or offense of its own, stand between the fires of two contending classes in this country, the one bent on insufferable wage economies and the other on enforcing a business policy of rule or ruin, it wants to be informed of that fact so that it can fortify itself accordingly. It may be wrong for Pullman to refuse to do business at a loss, but it is no less wrong for Debs to upset the entire prosperity of the country in a quixotic effort to force Pullman to submit his business to Debs' control.

The place for Debs is in jail. He has violated law, both statute and divine. His place is in jail whether Pullman belongs there also, or not.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made that McClure's magazine, in a forthcoming number, will follow up Hamlin Garland's recent hair-lifting article on Homestead by a graphic paper from Stephen Crane on "In the Depths of a Coal Mine." There is abundant material for both pencil and brush in the subterranean caverns where the black diamonds are dug. But we trust that Mr. Crane will not make the common mistake of looking at a breaker from the safe distance of a passing car window and then thinking he knows all about coal mining.

The Politics of It. "The failure of the Democratic party has shown the workmen that it is not the party of the people, and the Republican party should show them that it is." Such is the remark credited by the Pittsburg Commercial Gazette to a labor leader in that city who is anxious to solve wage difficulties along party lines. It voices a feeling that has many sharers, and is deserving of consideration. But it is first necessary to know what is meant by "the party of the people." What people? Those who believe that improvement can come through the hallucinations of Populism? The Republican party cannot be their party and retain its self respect, for the beliefs that they cherish it knows to be false ones, whose enactment into law would only intensify and not alleviate existing distress.

Does our Pittsburg friend mean, then, the people who, when any of their number are dissatisfied and strike, instantly desert their own workshops, against which they have no grievance, and, seizing guns and crowbars and torches, rush in masses to the railroad tracks where the freight of the nation—its food and clothing and fuel and furniture—stands in loaded cars; and there proceed to burn this freight, tear up these bands of steel that are the literal arteries of the country's prosperity, and indulge in murder, arson and insurrection? The Republican party cannot, in justice to itself, be the party of these people; for, however much they may be deceived and vexed and angered, they are nevertheless law-breakers, whose defiance of the authority of the state and of the nation is no more to be tolerated than was the armed resistance of the south in its efforts at secession. The Republican party deprecates the condition of things which has culminated in bloodshed and riot; and would, if in power, do its best to remedy those evils. But it cannot make any promise which would imply a tolerance of lawlessness nor court any alliances which would tend to make it an accessory to organized crime.

soon as the people are willing to have it repeated. But it is not so much afraid of partisan competition that it needs to resort to demagogism or knavery to gain its ends. Democracy is sickening the people of that.

SOMEbody who ought to know better heads a column of servant girl gossip in the New York Herald with the question: "Did George M. Pullman reduce the wages of his employees in revenge upon them for exercising their right to vote as they pleased, and has his persistent refusal to restore the old wages, to arbitrate or to meet the men in any way been simply the following up of his thirst for retaliation?" The attempt to turn the present unfortunate crisis into a clap trap partisan screamer upon no better foundation than manufactured innuendoes and gossip mongers' vapors is unworthy of any man of decency and sense; hence we must conclude that this Herald correspondent possesses neither. Therefore, we don't want to have anything more to do with him.

ROBERT E. WRIGHT hastens with precipitancy to announce that he is not a candidate for mortuary honors in the vault made vacant by Judge Becker's reification.

WE DO NOT propose to cross either of the new bridges until we get to them.

RELISH for Breakfast.

What was probably the first strike on record is thus narrated by Live in his famous "The Annual," 1890. The incident occurred 300 B. C., and was as follows: "The flute players, dissatisfied because the latest censors had forbidden them to take part in the banquet in 4 p.m. of the Temple, according to the ancient custom, withdrew every one of them to Tibur, so that nobody was left at Rome to play during the sacrifice. This incident shocked the religious sentiment of the Senate and the Senators sent messengers to invite the inhabitants of Tibur to make every effort in order that that the flute players should be restored to the Roman. The Tiburines, having promised not to neglect anything necessary for that purpose, caused the flute players to come to the place where the Senate met and escorted them back to Rome. Seeing that they could not prevail upon them to do so, they employed a stratagem in keeping with their character. On a day of festival, under the pretext that music would increase the joy of the feast, every citizen invited the flute players individually to his house and wine, of which people of that province are usually fond, was given to them in such quantities that they fell into a deep sleep. They were then thrown into wagons and transported to Rome."

BY THE MURMURING SEA:

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"Aw, ya-as, I say, does he speak any English?"

"Well, he speaks a little."

"Born in America?"

"No, in Patagonia."

"I er—say, is he dangerous?"

"No, perfectly harmless."

"Dear me, born in Patagonia. Is that New York?"

Nate looked at him in despair. It was a hopeless case, and he was wondering what to do with him, when the visitor dropped his monocle and English accent and said with a grin: "The treats are on you, old man. They were, too, for Nate had known him several years ago as a New York newspaper man."

PICTURESQUE, BUT DANGEROUS: It is proper to gaze, with a sentiment tender, On landmarks our reverend forefathers made. But it's hardly in season to be a defender Of the time-stricken pump with its nozzle decayed.

always have to club her 'fore I can make her stand still." Little Nephew (from the city)—"Is that the one that gives the whipped cream?"

—Mamma—"I notice that you paid very close attention to the minister, Robbie. Were you interested, dear?"

Robbie—"Yes, sir-ee, I kept wonderin' how long it would be before he found out that his necktie was 'way above his collar."

—Children, said the superintendent of the South Side Sunday school, "do you remember what is said of the lilies—how they toil not, neither do they spin, and yet will some boy or girl finish the quotation?"

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—Old Gentleman—"Do you mean to say that your teachers never thrash you?" Little Boy—"Never. We have moral sessions at our school."

—Old Gentleman—"What's that?" Little Boy—"Oh, we get kept in and stood up in corners and locked out and locked in and made to write one word a thousand times and scowled at and jived at and that's all."—Rochester Post-Journal.

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